



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* West Coast Fisheries Participation Survey

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0749.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Regular

*Number of Respondents:* 1500

*Average Hours Per Response:* 0.33

*Burden Hours:* 500

*Needs and Uses:* The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFS) seeks to conduct fisheries participation analyses which involve repeated follow-up surveys of United States (U.S.) West Coast commercial fishing participants. A U.S. mail survey will be conducted, replicating the survey administered during 2017. The survey will be voluntary, and contacted individuals may decline to participate. Respondents will be asked to answer questions about their motivations for fishing and other factors that affect participation in the suite of West Coast commercial fisheries. This survey is essential because data on smaller scale fishing practices,

values, participation decisions and beliefs about fishing livelihoods are sparse; yet, they are critical to the development of usable fishery ecosystem models that account for non-pecuniary benefits of fishing, as well as the ways in which fishing practices shape individual and community well-being. Moreover, replication of the survey after several years allows for critical time series information reflecting how fishery participation, in terms of both moving in and out of fishing and moving between available fisheries, may have changed over time.

*Affected Public:* Federal fisheries permit holders

*Frequency:* Once per two-year period

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary

This information collection request may be viewed at [reginfo.gov](http://reginfo.gov). Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to [OIRA\\_Submission@omb.eop.gov](mailto:OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov) or fax to (202) 395-5806.

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